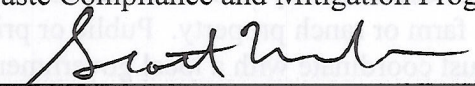


PROGRAM MANAGER ACTION REQUEST

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Subject: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SCORING CRITERIA FOR THE
FARM AND RANCH SOLID WASTE CLEANUP AND
ABATEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (FARM AND RANCH
CLEANUP ACCOUNT, FY 2010/11 AND FY 2011/12)**

TIME FACTOR: Approval required no later than May 15, 2010

SUMMARY: This memo requests Program Manager approval of revised scoring criteria for the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program (Program). The current criteria was approved in June 2008. The proposed revised scoring criteria is included as Attachment 1, with the proposed new language shown in underline and the proposed deletions shown in strikeout.

OPTIONS: The Program Manager may decide to:

1. Approve the proposed scoring criteria (Attachment 1); or
2. Approve the proposed scoring criteria with specific revisions; or
3. Take no action and provide staff with direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends Option 1.

DISCUSSION: Senate Bill 1330 (Lockyer, Statutes of 1997, Chapter 875) established a grant program under which cities and counties may seek financial assistance for cleanup of illegal solid waste disposal sites on farm or ranch property. Public or private property owners that desire grant funding must coordinate with a local government agency as the applicant.

Properties eligible for grants include those involving a broad range of agricultural activities where the property owner is not responsible for the illegal disposal. The Program's funding is primarily used to pay for the removal and proper disposal of small nuisance illegal dump sites containing non-hazardous solid waste, and for site security measures to prevent recurrence of illegal disposal after the projects are completed.

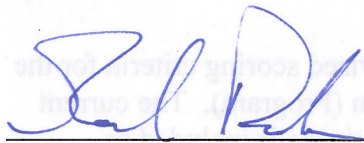
The scoring criteria was last updated June of 2008. The next application due date is July 1, 2010. The following changes are being recommended:

1. Increase points for the Budget to allow for greater focus to be placed in this area.
2. Adjust points in the Program Criteria to allow for clearer scoring, and replace an underutilized criteria with one that provides incentive points to applicants proposing to use the California Conservation Corps in the implementation of the cleanup.

The proposed changes are shown on Attachment 1 in strikeout and underline.

ESTIMATED COST: This request does not require any Department fiscal action.

APPROVED: On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Action and the findings set out above, I hereby approve the revised scoring criteria for fiscal years 2011/12 and 2012/13.



Ted Rauh, Program Manager
Waste Compliance and Mitigation Program

MAY 10, 2010

Date